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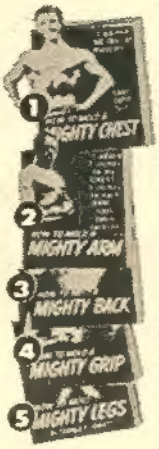

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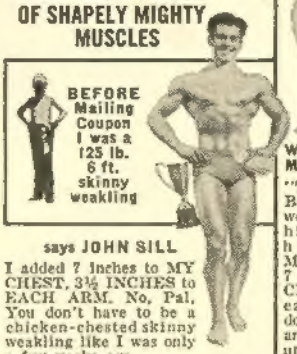

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FOR SOME, THE NIGHT MEANS PEACEFUL SLUMBER AND ESCAPE FROM DAILY CARES! BUT NOT FOR A WANTED FUGITIVE! NOT FOR...THE RAWHIDE KID!
IS IT REALLY HIM, PA? ARE YUH SURE?
DEAD SURE! WE CAUGHT OURSELVES A FAMOUS OUTLAW, BOY!
I'D HAVE EXPECTED AN AMBUSH FROM THE LAW OR BOUNTY HUNTERS... BUT THIS INNOCENT LOOKIN' SODBUSTER AND HIS KIN CAUGHT ME COMPLETELY OFF GUARD!
LEAVE THAT GUN BE... AND GET ON YOUR FEET... LEST YUH WANT ME TO PROVE I CAN SHOOT AS GOOD AS ANY MAN!

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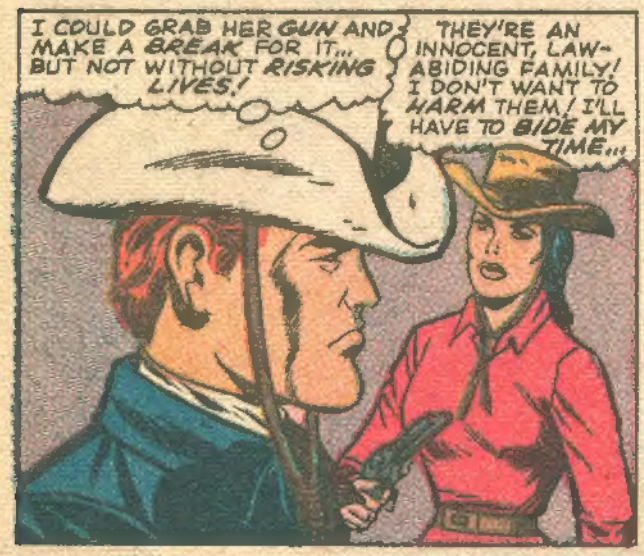
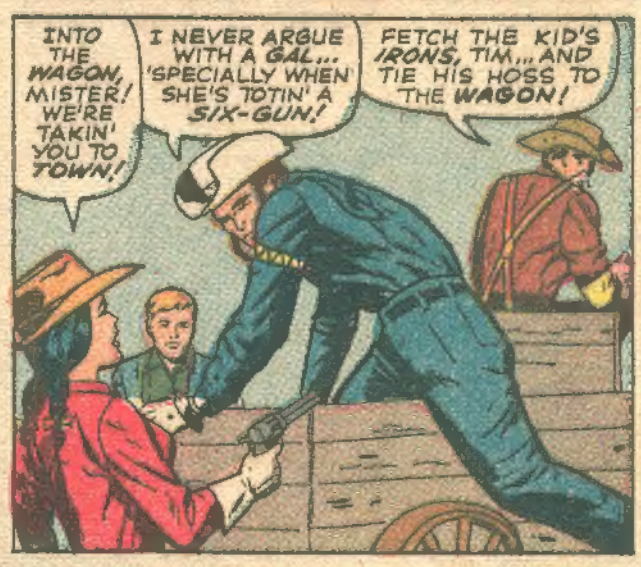
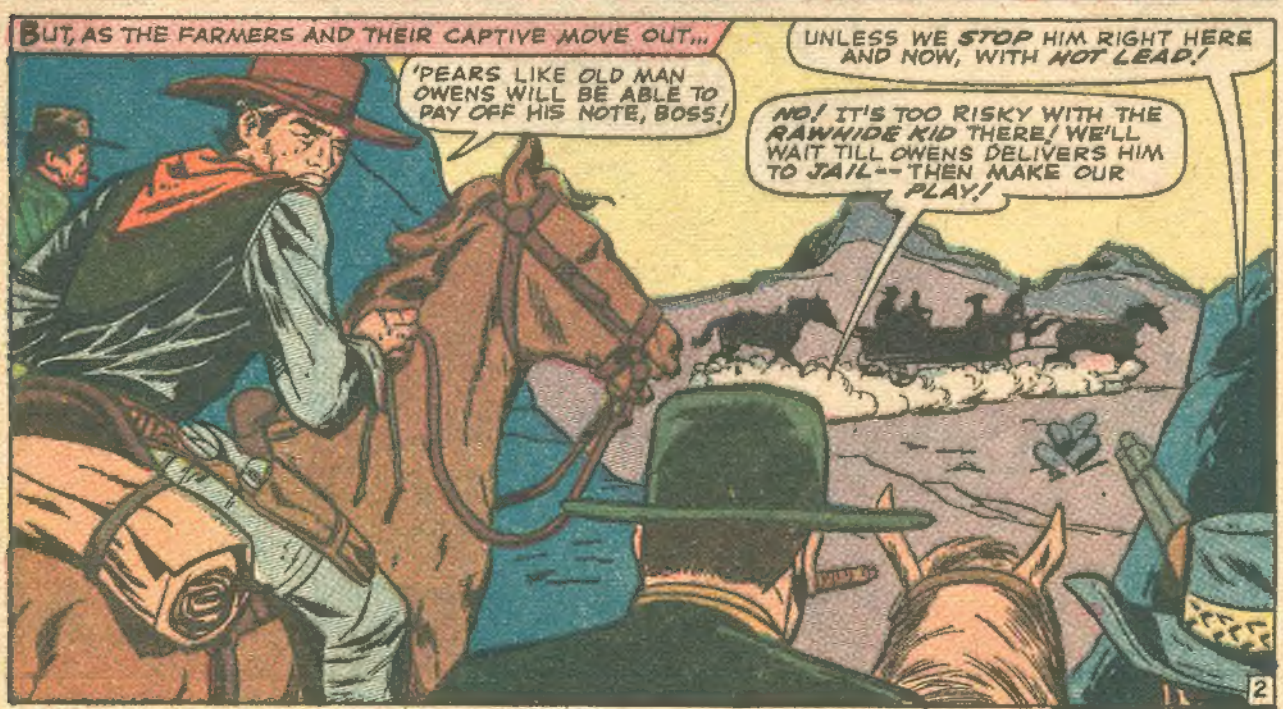
OKAY, YOU'VE GOT ME! BUT WHY? WE'VE NEVER CROSSED TRAILS BEFORE!
IT'S NOTHIN' PERSONAL, KID...
THERE'S A PRICE ON YOUR HEAD, AND WE'RE AFTER IT!

PA, MEBBE WE SHOULDN'T --I MEAN, THE KID NEVER DONE US NO HARM!
HE'S A WANTED CRIMINAL, AINT HE? 'SIDES, WE NEED THE REWARD MONEY TO PAY OFF OUR MORTGAGE... OR WE'LL LOSE THE FARM!


I COULD GRAB HER GUN AND MAKE A BREAK FOR IT... BUT NOT WITHOUT RISKING LIVES!
THEY'RE AN INNOCENT, LAW-ABIDING FAMILY! I DON'T WANT TO HARM THEM! I'LL HAVE TO BIDE MY TIME...


INTO THE WAGON, MISTER! WE'RE TAKIN' YOU TO TOWN!
I NEVER ARGUE WITH A GAL... 'SPECIALLY WHEN SHE'S TOTIN' A SIX-GUN!
FETCH THE KID'S IRONS, TIM... AND TIE HIS HOSS TO THE WAGON!


BUT, AS THE FARMERS AND THEIR CAPTIVE MOVE OUT...
'PEARS LIKE OLD MAN OWENS WILL BE ABLE TO PAY OFF HIS NOTE, BOSS!
UNLESS WE STOP HIM RIGHT HERE AND NOW, WITH HOT LEAD!
NO! IT'S TOO RISKY WITH THE RAWHIDE KID THERE! WE'LL WAIT TILL OWENS DELIVERS HIM TO JAIL--THEN MAKE OUR PLAY!
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OWENS' LAND IS THE MOST FERTILE IN THESE PARTS... AND I AIM TO HAVE IT FOR MY OWN--ONE WAY OR THE OTHER!
IT'LL HAVE TO BE THE OTHER, ONCE HE GETS THE REWARD MONEY!
THAT'S JUST IT--HE'S NOT GONNA GET THAT REWARD! YOU BOYS ARE GONNA DISCOURAGE HIM!
IT'LL BE A PLEASURE, BOYS!
AND BEST OF ALL...
...WHEN YOU ROUGH OWENS UP IT WON'T BE TRACED BACK TO ME! YOU'LL TELL HIM THAT YOU'RE PARDS OF THE RAWHIDE KID AND YOU DON'T AIM TO LET OWENS COLLECT THE PRICE ON YOUR FRIEND'S HEAD!
YUH SURE THINK OF EVERYTHING, BOSS!
THUS, A SHORT WHILE LATER...
THAT YOUNG MAN--WHO IS HE? WHY IS HE BEING HELD AT GUNPOINT?
I'VE SEEN HIS PICTURE! I RECOGNIZE HIM! HE'S THE RAWHIDE KID!
THE TOWNSFOLK--FRIGHTENED--TREMBLING AT THE SIGHT OF THE NOTORIOUS RAWHIDE KID!
HOW MANY FEARFUL FACES LIKE THESE HAVE I SEEN BEFORE?
WILL IT EVER END? CAN IT EVER END?
STAY BACK! DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO HIM!
SOMEONE GET THE SHERIFF--PRONTO!
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AND, WHEN THE LAW ARRIVES...
IT'S THE KID, ALRIGHT!
BUT I'LL HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE COUNTY SEAT, TO SEE IF HE'S WANTED IN THIS NECK OF THE WOODS!
IN THE MEANTIME, WE'LL PUT 'IM BEHIND BARS FOR SAFE-KEEPING!
WHAT ABOUT THE REWARD?
DON'T WORRY, IF THERE'S A WARRANT OUT ON THE KID, YOU'LL GET YOUR MONEY!
TOO MANY INNOCENT FOLKS AROUND! I WON'T TRY TO ESCAPE--NOT YET...
THIS HERE IS A PEACEFUL TOWN! LESTER OWENS DIDN'T DO US NO FAVOR BY CAPTURIN' A DESPERADO!
YEH, I HEAR THE KID RIDES ALONE, BUT YUH CAN'T BE SURE! MEBBE HE'S GOT PARDS WHO WON'T TAKE KINDLY TO HIS ARREST!
MEBBE THEY'LL COME TO BUST HIM OUT... AND BUST UP THE TOWN WHILE THEY'RE AT IT!
AND, WHILE FEARS MOUNT...
THOSE TWO MEN ACROSS THE STREET, GOIN' INTO THE ALLEY--THEY LOOK LIKE ROUGH CUSTOMERS!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE UP TO, BUT, I'LL BET MY BOOTS IT'S TROUBLE!
AND, UNSEEN BY THE KID, THE MEN EMERGE FROM THE OTHER END OF THE ALLEY, MASKED AND ARMED...
REMEMBER, THE BOSS SAID NO SHOOTIN'!
DON'T FRET, WE WON'T NEED TO FIRE A SHOT!
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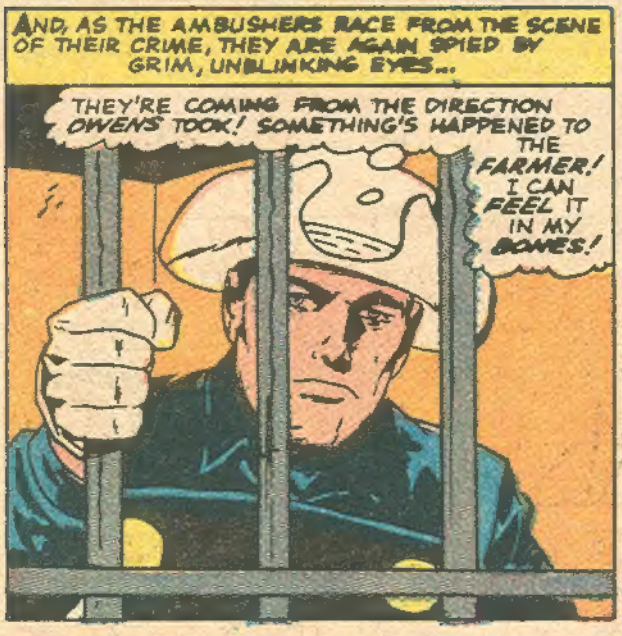
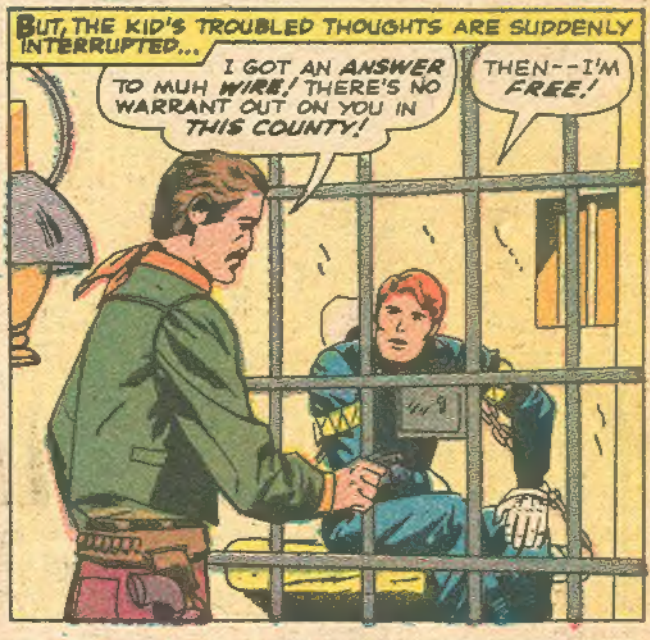
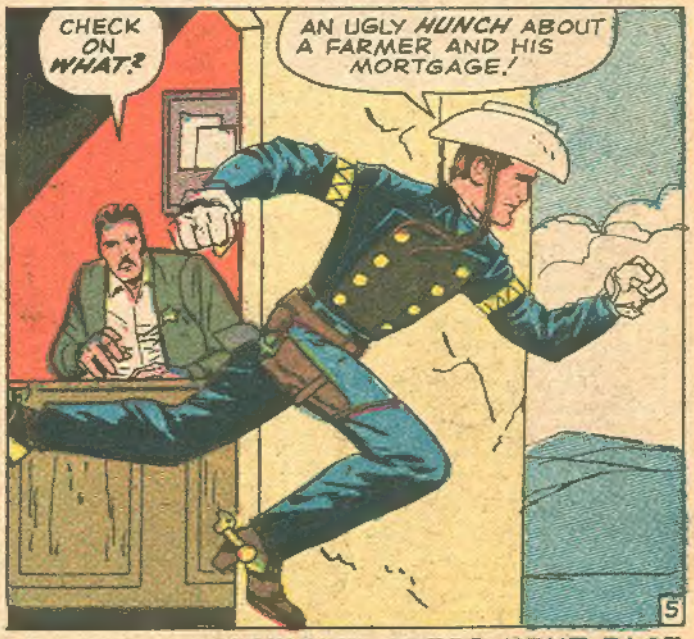
YOU--SODBUSTER--I DON'T KNOW HOW YUH MANAGED TO CAPTURE OUR PARD, THE KID, BUT WE AINT ABOUT TO LET YUH GET RICH ON IT!
YEH, THIS IS JUST A WARNIN'! DON'T TRY TO COLLECT THAT REE-WARD! IF YUH DO, WE'LL BE BACK TO FINISH THE JOB!
WHOMP!

THINK IT'LL WORK?
SURE! WHEN THE OLD MAN COMES TO, HE'LL BLAME TWO HOMBRES WHO CAN'T BE FOUND, 'CAUSE THEY DON'T EXIST!
AND, AS LONG AS THE KID'S AMIGOS ARE "ON THE LOOSE", OWENS WILL BE TOO SCARED TO CLAIM THE MONEY!


AND, AS THE AMBUSHERS RACE FROM THE SCENE OF THEIR CRIME, THEY ARE AGAIN SPIED BY GRIM, UNBLINKING EYES...
THEY'RE COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OWENS TOOK! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO THE FARMER! I CAN FEEL IT IN MY BONES!


BUT, THE KID'S TROUBLED THOUGHTS ARE SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED...
I GOT AN ANSWER TO MUH WIRE! THERE'S NO WARRANT OUT ON YOU IN THIS COUNTY!
THEN--I'M FREE!

YEH, BUT I DON'T ADVISE YUH TO STAY IN TOWN! WANTED OR NOT, YOUR KIND BREEDS TROUBLE! TAKE YOUR GUNS, AND CLEAR OUT!
DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE RIDIN', AS SOON AS I CHECK ON SOMETHIN'!



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I WAS RIGHT! THE FARMER IS OUT COLD! IT MUST BE THE WORK OF THOSE TWO GALOOTS!
HE'S STIRRING... HE'S COMING TO!
YOU!! IT WAS YOUR PARDS THAT DONE THIS TO ME!
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT? I RIDE ALONE!
IN A PIG'S EYE YUH DO! I HEARD YOUR OWL-HOOT FRIENDS LOUD AND CLEAR! GIT AWAY FROM ME!
WAIT--COME BACK! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! YOU'VE BEEN TRICKED!
BUT THE FARMER IS TOO FRIGHTENED TO LISTEN TO REASON... AND THE ENSUING SCENE IS MISINTERPRETED BY THE STARTLED ONLOOKERS!
IT'S THE RAWHIDE KID! HE'S CHASIN' AFTER OWENS!
THE KID MUST'VE BROKEN OUT OF JAIL--TO SETTLE ACCOUNTS WITH THE MAN WHO CAPTURED HIM!
WE CAN'T LET THAT GUNHAWK CLOBBER A HELP-LESS OLD SOD-BUSTER! C'MON!
GET 'IM--BEFORE HE GOES FOR HIS IRONS!
DON'T WORRY--HE AINT GOT THE SPINE TO DRAW AGAINST ALL OF US!
YEH! OUTLAWS ARE ONLY BRAVE WHEN THEY'RE HOLDIN' ALL THE CARDS!
SURE, I'M TOO SCARED TO SLAP LEATHER...
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...SCARED THAT I MIGHT HURT SOME WELL-MEANING HARDHEADS, WHO WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST ME IN A GUNFIGHT!
SO I'LL HAVE TO DO THE JOB WITHOUT IRONS--LIKE SO!
GOL-DANG! HE SURE KNOWS HOW TO TOSS A PUNCH!
THOK!
UNHHH--
THAT'S IT, FRANK-- GRAB 'IM!
I GOT 'IM NOW!
WRONG, MISTER! THE ONLY THING YOU'RE GETTING...
POW!
WHA--
...IS A FREE RIDE THRU THE AIR!
THUD!
A RIDE THAT ENDS WITH AN ACHIN' BACK!
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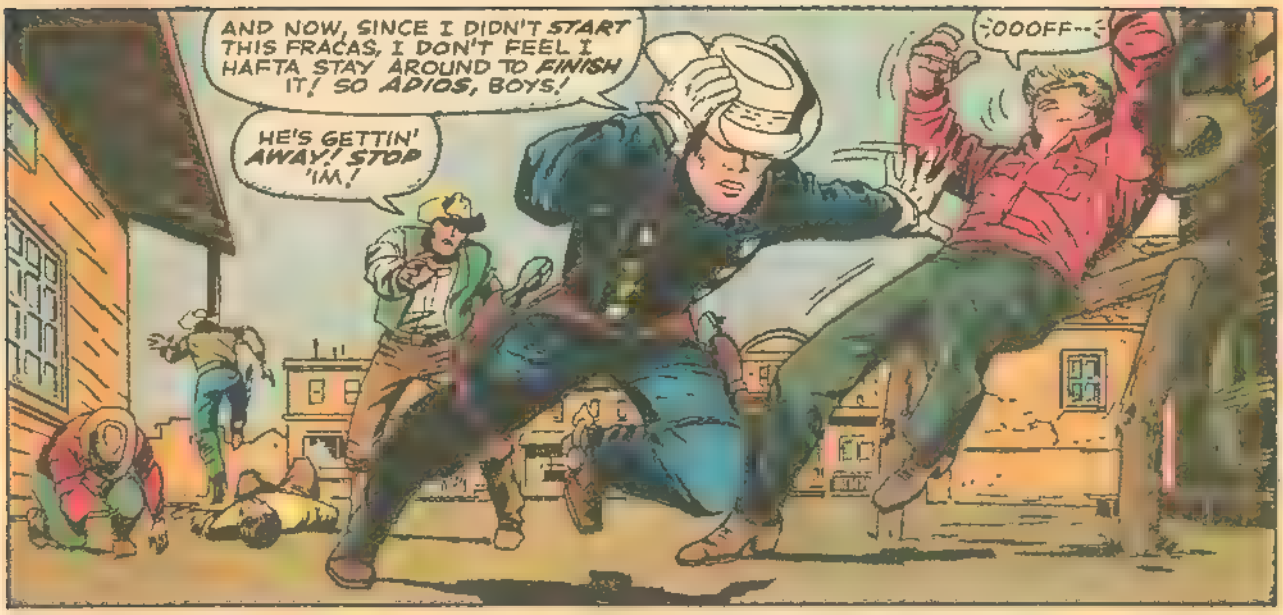
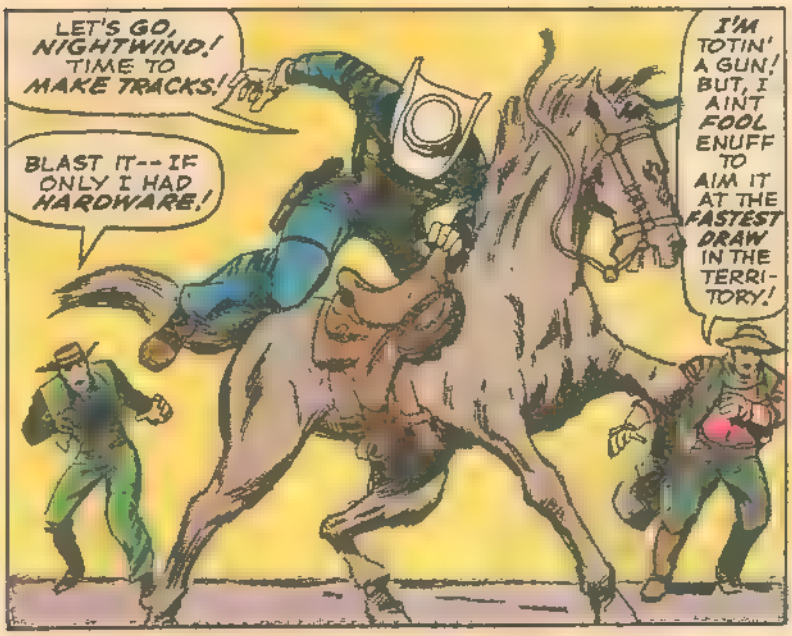
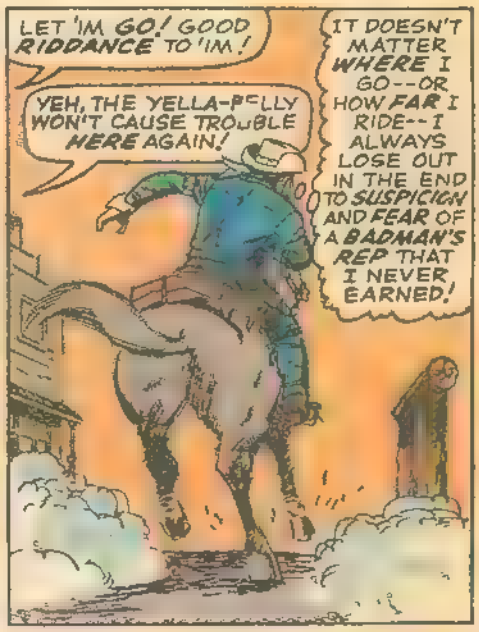
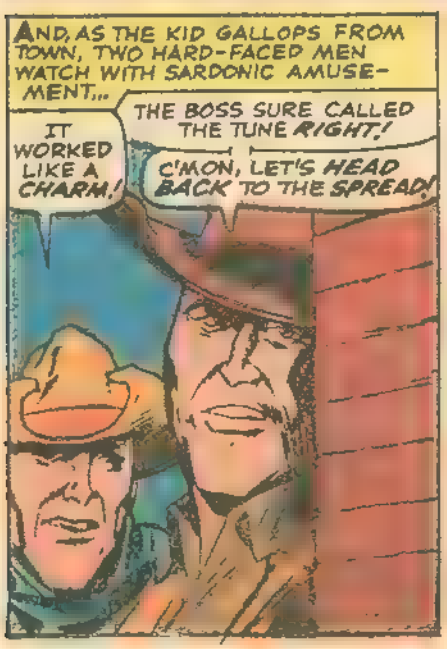
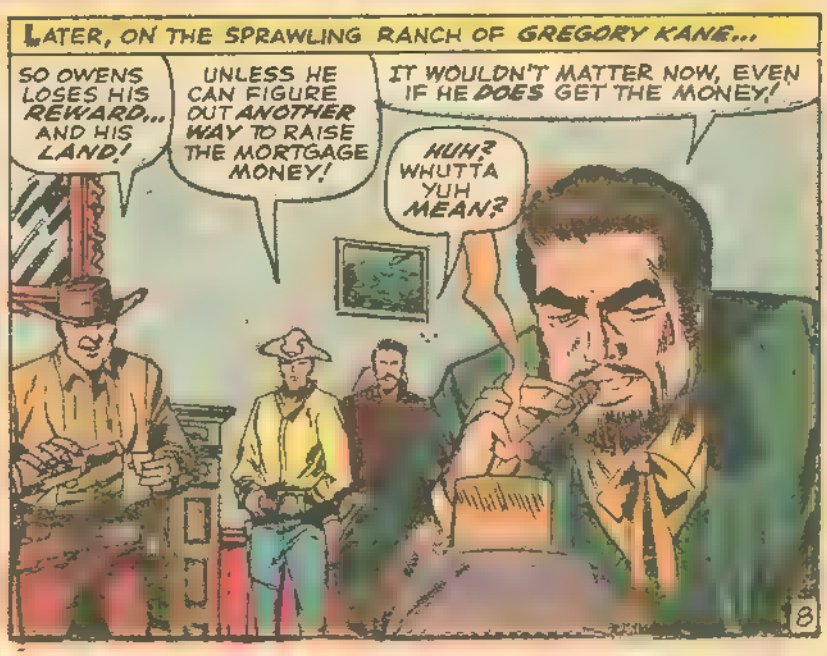
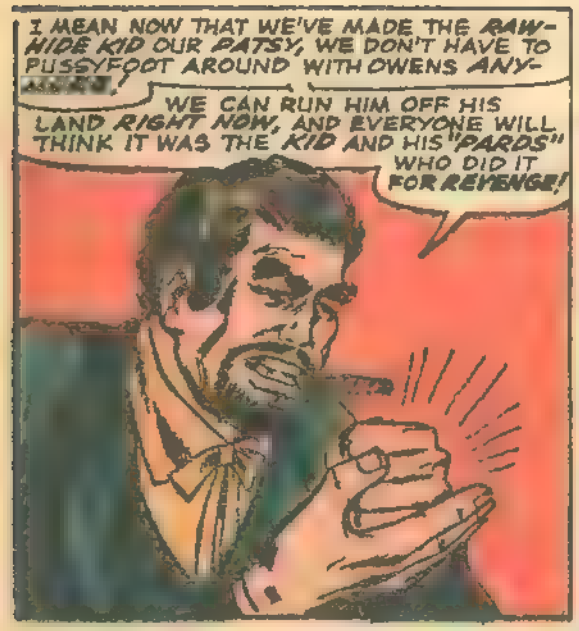

AND NOW, SINCE I DIDN'T START THIS FRACAS, I DON'T FEEL I HAFTA STAY AROUND TO FINISH IT! SO ADIOS, BOYS!
HE'S GETTIN' AWAY! STOP 'IM!
-OOOFF--!

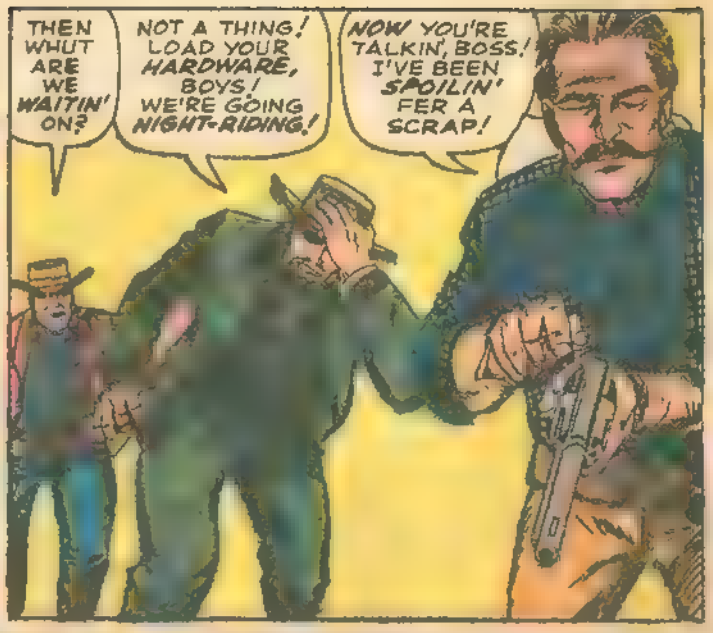

LET'S GO, NIGHTWIND! TIME TO MAKE TRACKS!
BLAST IT-- IF ONLY I HAD HARDWARE!
I'M TOTIN' A GUN! BUT, I AIN'T FOOL ENUFF TO AIM IT AT THE FASTEST DRAW IN THE TERRITORY!

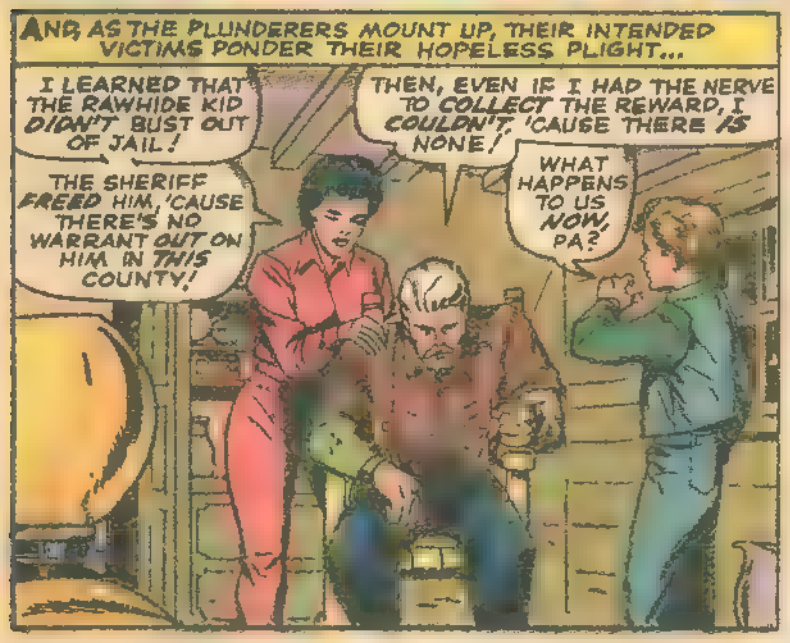

LET 'IM GO! GOOD RIDDANCE TO 'IM!
YEH, THE YELLA-BELLY WON'T CAUSE TROUBLE HERE AGAIN!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE I GO--OR HOW FAR I RIDE-- I ALWAYS LOSE OUT IN THE END TO SUSPICION AND FEAR OF A BADMAN'S REP THAT I NEVER EARNED!


AND, AS THE KID GALLOPS FROM TOWN, TWO HARD-FACED MEN WATCH WITH SARDONIC AMUSEMENT...
IT WORKED LIKE A CHARM!
THE BOSS SURE CALLED THE TUNE RIGHT!
C'MON, LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE SPREAD!


LATER, ON THE SPRAWLING RANCH OF GREGORY KANE...
SO OWENS LOSES HIS REWARD... AND HIS LAND!
UNLESS HE CAN FIGURE OUT ANOTHER WAY TO RAISE THE MORTGAGE MONEY!
IT WOULDN'T MATTER NOW, EVEN IF HE DOES GET THE MONEY!
HUH? WHUTTA YUH MEAN?


I MEAN NOW THAT WE'VE MADE THE RAWHIDE KID OUR PATSY, WE DON'T HAVE TO PUSSYFOOT AROUND WITH OWENS ANYMORE!
WE CAN RUN HIM OFF HIS LAND RIGHT NOW, AND EVERYONE WILL THINK IT WAS THE KID AND HIS "PARDS" WHO DID IT FOR REVENGE!


THEN WHUT ARE WE WAITIN' ON?
NOT A THING! LOAD YOUR HARDWARE, BOYS! WE'RE GOING NIGHT-RIDING!
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN', BOSS! I'VE BEEN SPOILIN' FER A SCRAP!


AND AS THE PLUNDERERS MOUNT UP, THEIR INTENDED VICTIMS PONDER THEIR HOPELESS PLIGHT...
I LEARNED THAT THE RAWHIDE KID DIDN'T BUST OUT OF JAIL!
THEN, EVEN IF I HAD THE NERVE TO COLLECT THE REWARD, I COULDN'T, 'CAUSE THERE IS NONE!
THE SHERIFF FREED HIM, 'CAUSE THERE'S NO WARRANT OUT ON HIM IN THIS COUNTY!
WHAT HAPPENS TO US NOW, PA?

NO, STOP! DON'T GRAB YOUR RIFLE! I DON'T AIM TO HURT YOU OR YOUR KINFOLK!
NOT MUCH YUH DON'T! OUT OF MUH WAY, HONEY! THERE'S ONLY ONE LINGO THIS OWLHOOT UNDERSTANDS!
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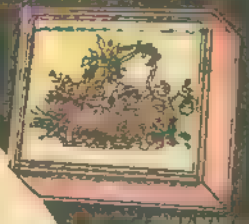

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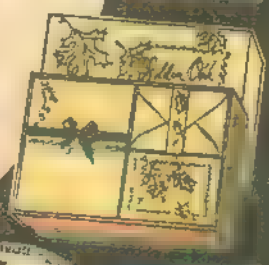

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Good Housekeeping

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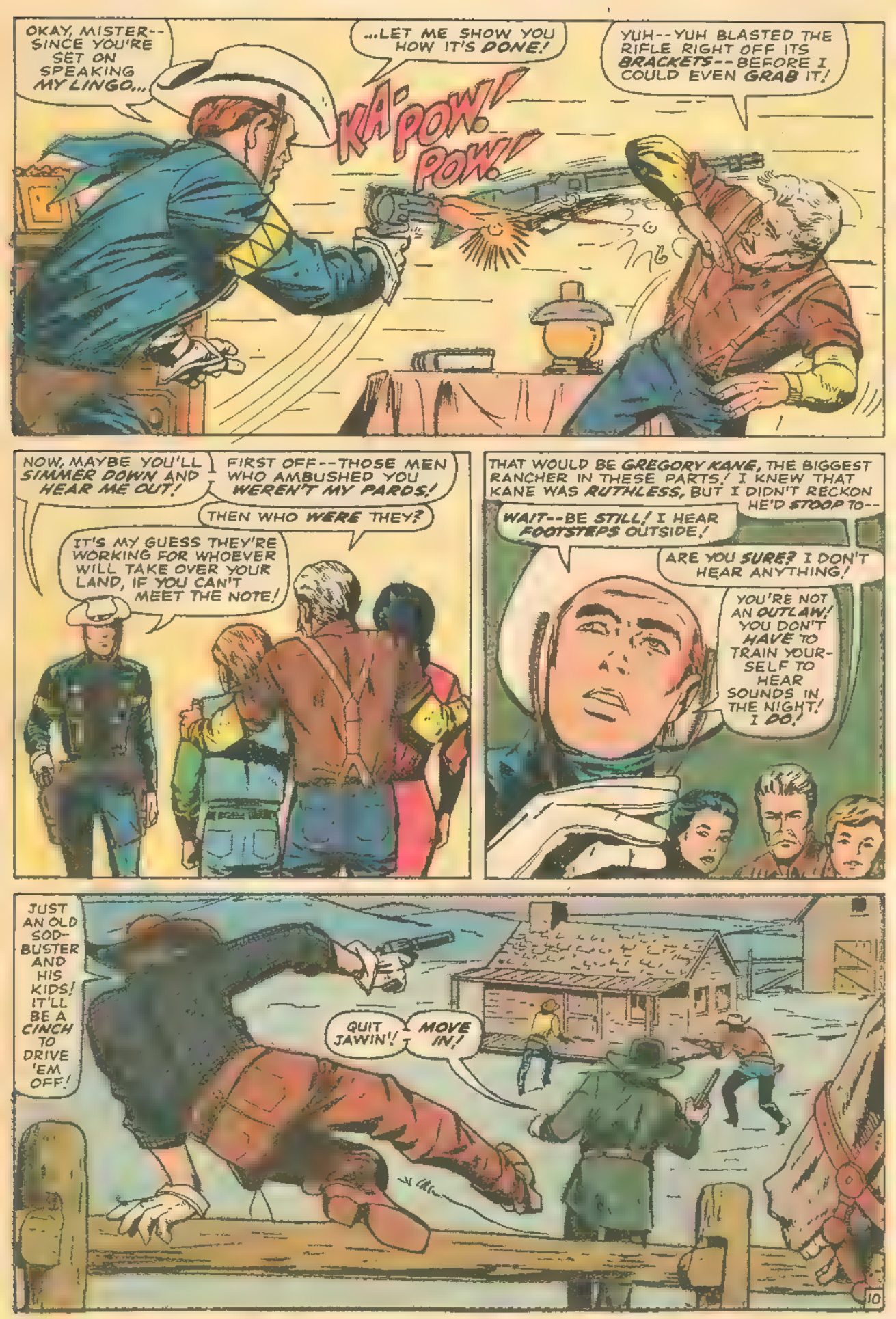
OKAY, MISTER--SINCE YOU'RE SET ON SPEAKING MY LINGO...
...LET ME SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE!
KA-POW! POW!
YUH--YUH BLASTED THE RIFLE RIGHT OFF ITS BRACKETS--BEFORE I COULD EVEN GRAB IT!
NOW, MAYBE YOU'LL SIMMER DOWN AND HEAR ME OUT!
FIRST OFF--THOSE MEN WHO AMBUSHED YOU WEREN'T MY PARDS!
THEN WHO WERE THEY?
IT'S MY GUESS THEY'RE WORKING FOR WHOEVER WILL TAKE OVER YOUR LAND, IF YOU CAN'T MEET THE NOTE!
THAT WOULD BE GREGORY KANE, THE BIGGEST RANCHER IN THESE PARTS! I KNEW THAT KANE WAS RUTHLESS, BUT I DIDN'T RECKON HE'D STOOP TO--
WAIT--BE STILL! I HEAR FOOTSTEPS OUTSIDE!
ARE YOU SURE? I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING!
YOU'RE NOT AN OUTLAW! YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRAIN YOURSELF TO HEAR SOUNDS IN THE NIGHT! I DO!
JUST AN OLD SOD-BUSTER AND HIS KIDS! IT'LL BE A CINCH TO DRIVE 'EM OFF!
QUIT JAWIN'!
MOVE IN!
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THERE'S FOUR OF 'EM, SNEAKIN' UP ON THE HOUSE!
DOUSE THE LAMP!
TIM--COVER THE OTHER WINDOW!
CATHY--BREAK OUT THE AMMO! MOVE, GIRL!
YES, PA!
THEY MUST'VE SPOTTED US! THEY PUT OUT THE LIGHT!
TOO LATE TO SURPRISE 'EM! OPEN FIRE!
KRAK!
SPANNNG!
WE'LL BLAST 'EM OUT OF THERE!
KA-POW!
KRAK!
THE SOD-BUSTERS AINT GOT A CHANCE!
BUT, UNKNOWN TO THE SPOILERS, ONE SHADOWY FIGURE AT THE WINDOW IS FAR FROM A SODBUSTER!
KA-POW!
OKAY, GENTS, YOU WANT GUNPLAY--YOU'LL GET IT--RAWHIDE STYLE!
AND A STARTLED FOE FALLS BENEATH THE UNERRING ACCURACY OF THE DEADLIEST GUN IN THE WEST!
-UNNHH--

BUT, AS THE GUN BATTLE RAGES ON...
THE OLD MAN AND HIS KIDS ARE PUTTING UP A BETTER FIGHT THAN I COUNTED ON!
FOLLOW ME, BOYS!
WE'RE SITTING DUCKS OUT THERE IN THE OPEN! WE GOTTA GET US SOME COVER!
WHUT YUH GOT IN MIND, BOSS?
THEY RAN INTO THE BARN!
DO YUH RECKON THEY'RE GONNA HOLE UP IN THERE?
NO! THEY'RE HUNGRY FOR THIS LAND... AND THEY CAN'T GET IT BY HIDING!
THEY'LL BE BACK! BELIEVE IT!
AND, IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG FOR THE KID'S PREDICTION TO PROVE TRUE!
HERE THEY COME AGAIN!
THEY'VE GOT MUH WAGON! THEY'RE USIN' IT FOR COVER! I CAN'T GET A BEAD ON 'EM!
OWENS--TIM--CATHY--GET BACK! QUICK!
TRRASH!
HOW CLOSE SHOULD WE PUSH IT, BOSS?
ALL THE WAY! WE'RE GONNA RAM INTO THE HOUSE!
AND THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN STOP US!
WE'RE THRU THE WALL!
NOW WE CAN GET AT THEM SODBUSTERS!
C'MON--LET'S TAKE 'EM!
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WHA-- IT'S THE RAWHIDE KID!
I SHOULD'VE GUESSED IT! NO FARMERS COULD'VE FOUGHT THAT GOOD!
WE'D BEST LOWER OUR GUNS, KID, AND TALK THINGS OVER!
THERE'S MOTHIN' TO PALAVER ABOUT! GIT OUTTA MUH HOUSE AND OFF MUH LAND--PRONTO!
YOU GOT A BIG MOUTH, PLOW-PUSHER! TOO DANG BIG!
OWENS!
KRAK!
PA--
HOW BAD IS IT, OLD-TIMER?
HE JUST GRAZED ME! I'LL BE OKAY!
THE ORNERY SIDE-WINDER! WE'LL FIX 'IM, PA, GOOD AN' PROPER!
YOU'LL NEED HARDWARE FOR THAT, SONNY--AND YUH JUST LOST YOURS!
THE ODDS ARE GETTIN' BETTER, BOSS!
YEH--THERE'S NO NEED FOR JAWIN'! NOW WE CAN TAKE 'EM! OPEN FIRE!
BUT, BEFORE THE GUNMEN CAN GET OFF A ROUND...
YOU'RE REAL FIERCE--AGAINST AN OLD MAN AND A BOY!
BUT AGAINST THE RAWHIDE KID--YOU'RE MOTHIN'!
KA-POW!
POW!
Y-YOU GOT MY BOYS, BUT YOU WON'T GET ME, KID!
C'MERE, GAL! YOU'RE MY TICKET OUT OF HERE!
WHA--

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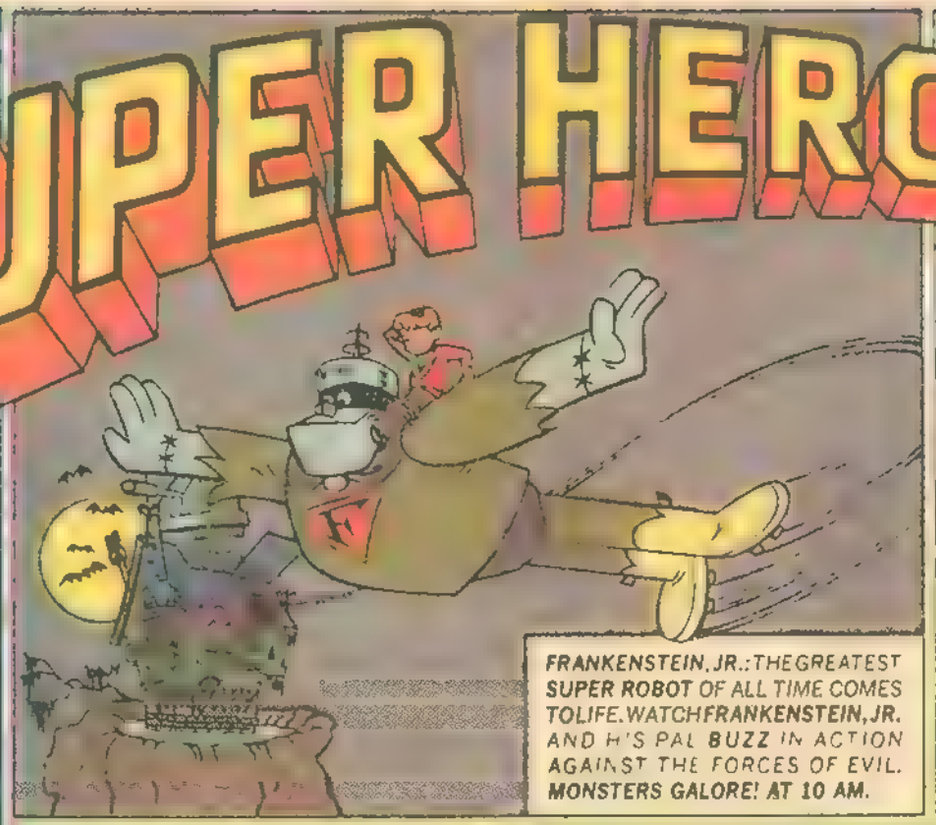
SEE THE NEW SUPER HEROES

THE SPACE GHOST: WITH JAN, JAYCE AND BLIP, SPACE GHOST PATROLS OUTER SPACE. SCIENCE FICTION THRILLS AND CHILLS AT 10:30 AM.



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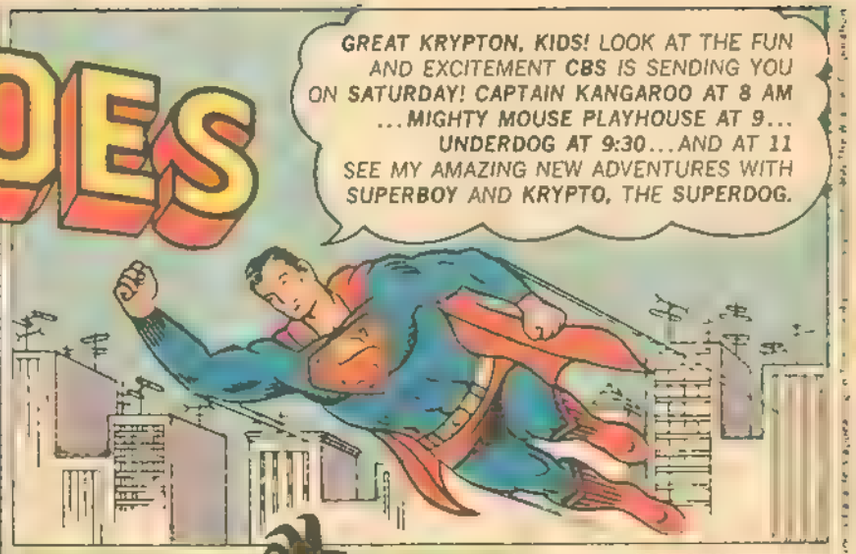
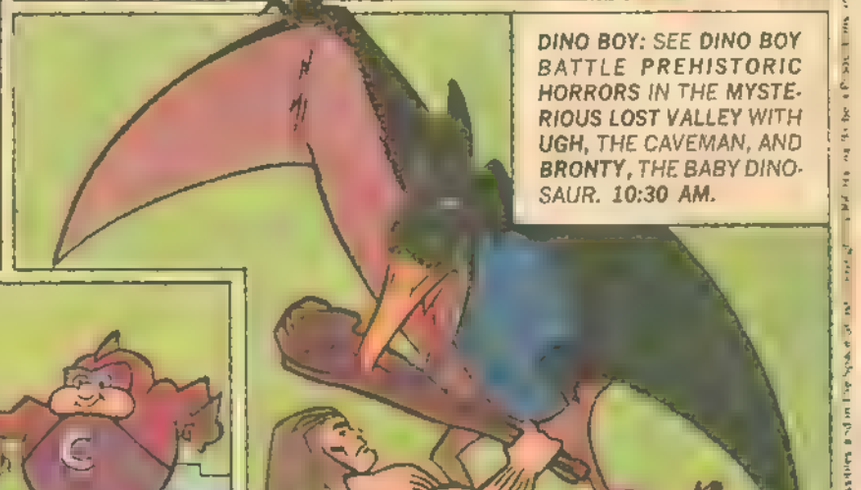
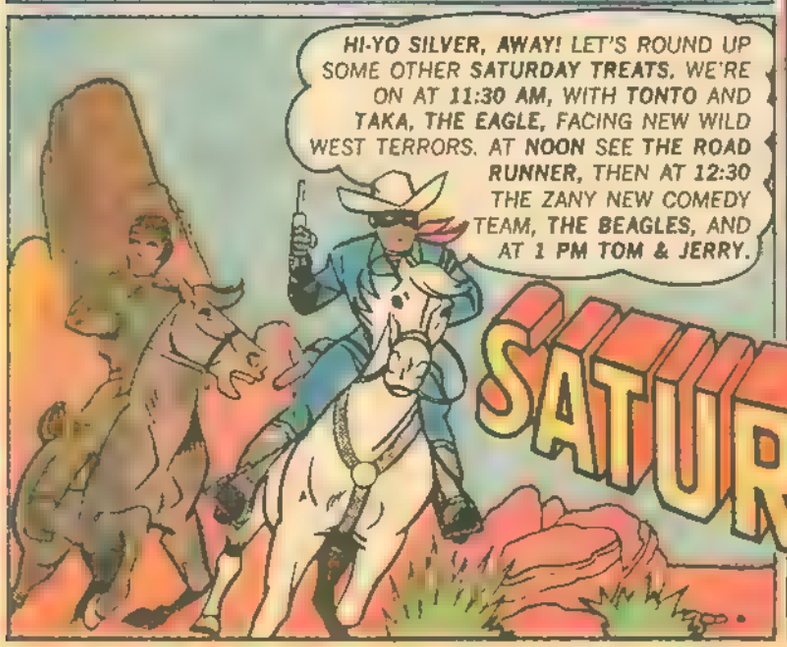


GREAT KRYPTON, KIDS! LOOK AT THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT CBS IS SENDING YOU ON SATURDAY! CAPTAIN KANGAROO AT 8 AM ...MIGHTY MOUSE PLAYHOUSE AT 9... UNDERDOG AT 9:30...AND AT 11 SEE MY AMAZING NEW ADVENTURES WITH SUPERBOY AND KRYPTO, THE SUPERDOG.



DINO BOY: SEE DINO BOY BATTLE PREHISTORIC HORRORS IN THE MYSTERIOUS LOST VALLEY WITH UGH, THE CAVEMAN, AND BRONTY, THE BABY DINOSAUR. 10:30 AM.

THE IMPOSSIBLES: COIL MAN, FLUID MAN AND MULTI MAN (A ROCK AND ROLL TRIO IN DISGUISE) PIT THEIR INCREDIBLE POWERS AGAINST AN ARRAY OF VILLAINS. MEET THE BUBBLER, BRATFINK, SPONGE! SUSPENSE, SWINGING MUSIC AND LOTS OF LAUGHS, TOO! AT 10 AM.



HI-YO SILVER, AWAY! LET'S ROUND UP SOME OTHER SATURDAY TREATS. WE'RE ON AT 11:30 AM, WITH TONTO AND TAKA, THE EAGLE, FACING NEW WILD WEST TERRORS. AT NOON SEE THE ROAD RUNNER, THEN AT 12:30 THE ZANY NEW COMEDY TEAM, THE BEAGLES, AND AT 1 PM TOM & JERRY.

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LET HER GO, YELLA-BELLY--OR S'HELP ME...
KEEP BACK, OWENS! HE MEANS BUSINESS!
YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT!
I'M WALKING OUT THE DOOR... AND THE GAL'S COMING WITH ME!
ANY INTERFERENCE AND SHE'S A GONER!
OKAY, MISTER, TAKE OFF! WE WON'T STOP YOU!
THAT'S A WISE CHOICE, FRIEND! ADIOS, TILL WE MEET AGAIN...
NO, KID! YUH CAN'T LET THE POLECAT TAKE CATHY AS A HOSTAGE!
I MUST! HER LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!
BUT DON'T WORRY-- WHEREVER THEY RIDE, I'LL BE RIGHT ON THEIR TAIL!
NO HARM WILL COME TO YOUR DAUGHTER! I PROMISE YOU!
THE KID'S COMING AFTER US! GOOD! I HOPED THAT HE WOULD!
WHY? WHAT DO YUH MEAN?
YOU'LL SEE SOON ENOUGH, GIRL! WHEN HE REACHES MY SPREAD...
...THE KID WILL WALK SMACK INTO AN AMBUSH!
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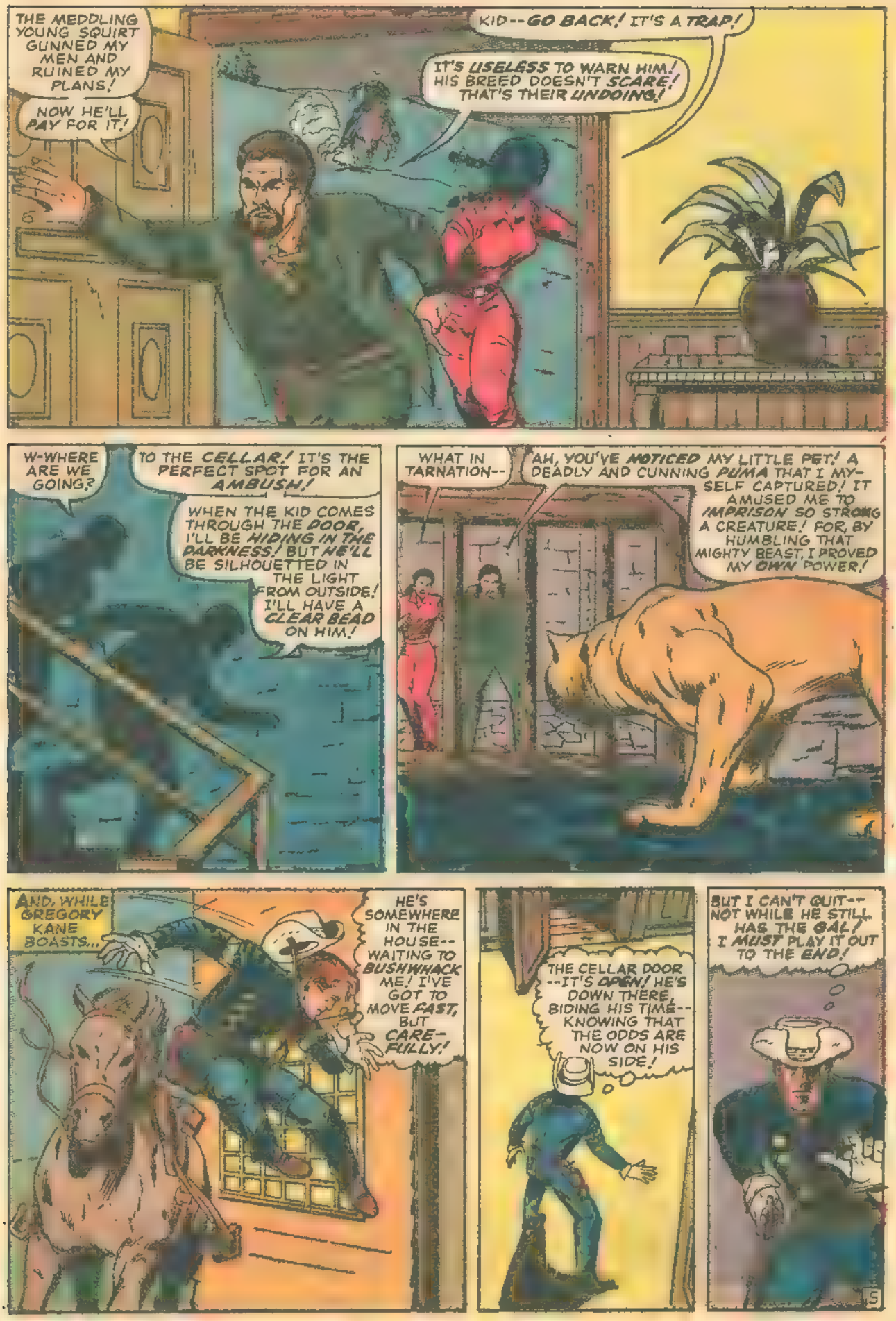
THE MEDDLING YOUNG SQUIRT GUNNED MY MEN AND RUINED MY PLANS!
NOW HE'LL PAY FOR IT!
KID--GO BACK! IT'S A TRAP!
IT'S USELESS TO WARN HIM! HIS BREED DOESN'T SCARE! THAT'S THEIR UNDOING!
W-WHERE ARE WE GOING?
TO THE CELLAR! IT'S THE PERFECT SPOT FOR AN AMBUSH!
WHEN THE KID COMES THROUGH THE DOOR, I'LL BE HIDING IN THE DARKNESS! BUT HE'LL BE SILHOUETTED IN THE LIGHT FROM OUTSIDE! I'LL HAVE A CLEAR BEAD ON HIM!
WHAT IN TARNATION--
AH, YOU'VE NOTICED MY LITTLE PET! A DEADLY AND CUNNING PUMA THAT I MYSELF CAPTURED! IT AMUSED ME TO IMPRISON SO STRONG A CREATURE! FOR, BY HUMBLING THAT MIGHTY BEAST, I PROVED MY OWN POWER!
AND, WHILE GREGORY KANE BOASTS...
HE'S SOMEWHERE IN THE HOUSE--WAITING TO BUSHWHACK ME! I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST, BUT CAREFULLY!
THE CELLAR DOOR --IT'S OPEN! HE'S DOWN THERE, BIDING HIS TIME--KNOWING THAT THE ODDS ARE NOW ON HIS SIDE!
BUT I CAN'T QUIT--NOT WHILE HE STILL HAS THE GAL! I MUST PLAY IT OUT TO THE END!
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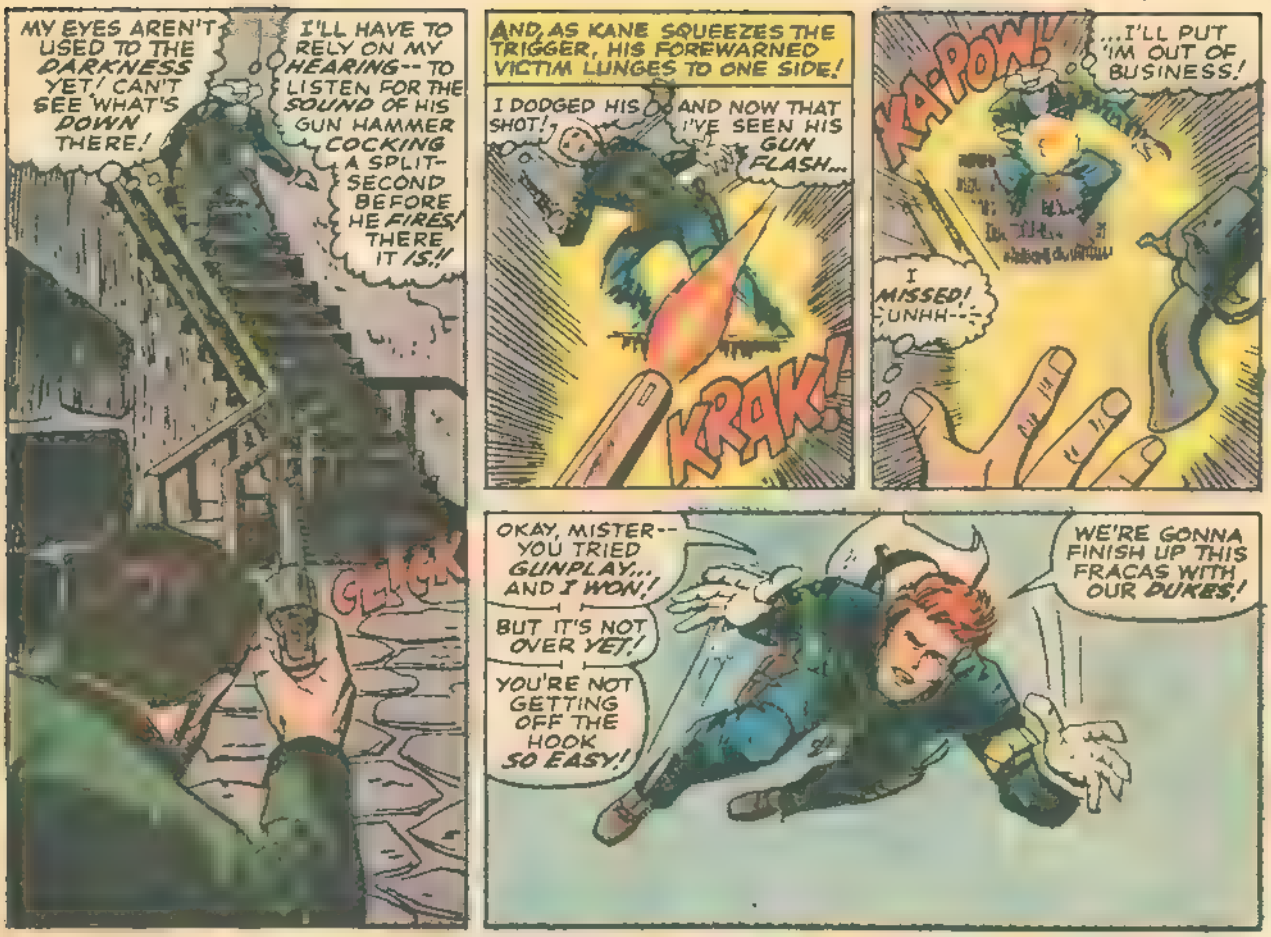
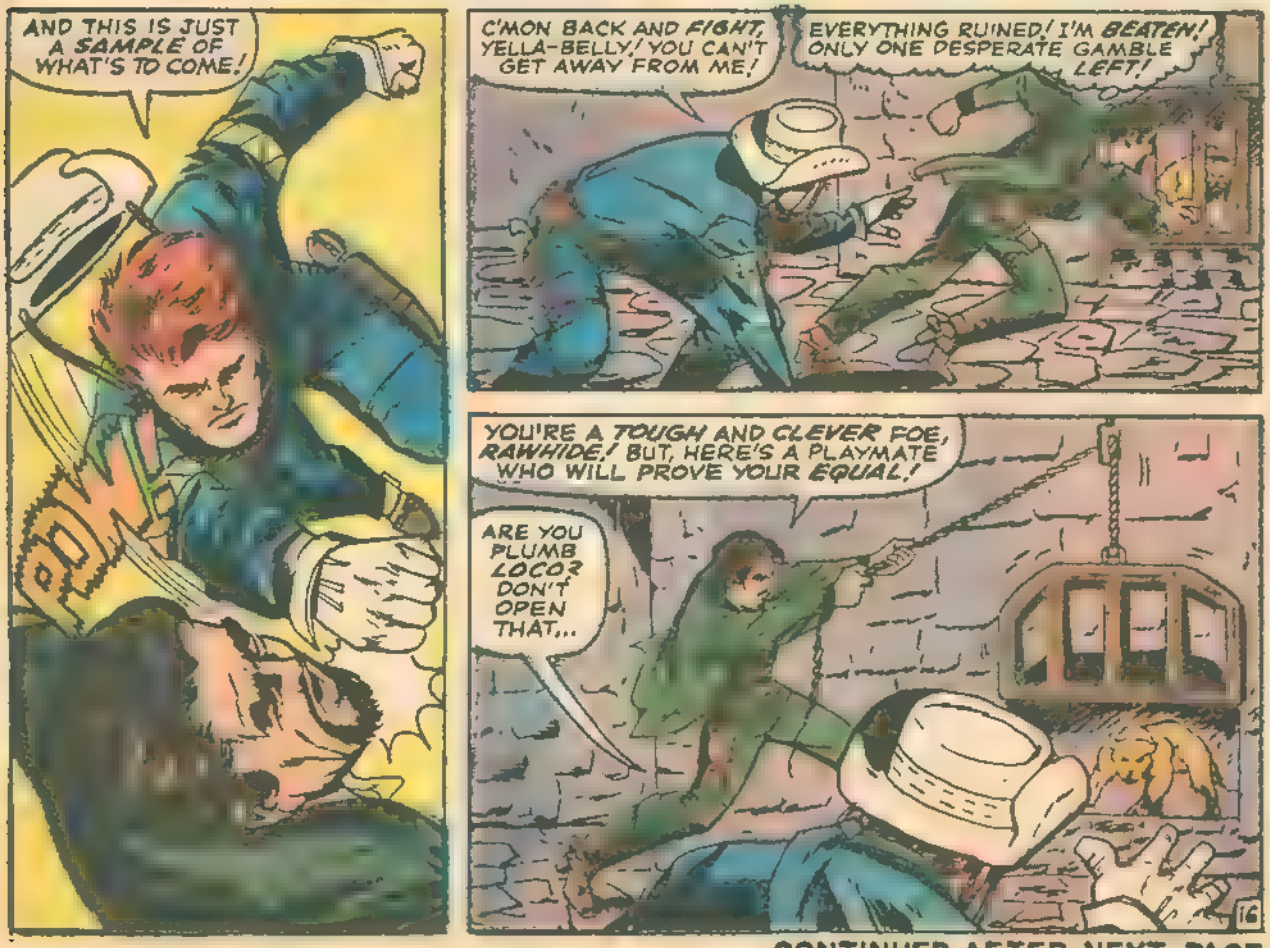

MY EYES AREN'T USED TO THE DARKNESS YET! CAN'T SEE WHAT'S DOWN THERE!
I'LL HAVE TO RELY ON MY HEARING-- TO LISTEN FOR THE SOUND OF HIS GUN HAMMER COCKING A SPLIT-SECOND BEFORE HE FIRES! THERE IT IS!!
GLK GK
AND AS KANE SQUEEZES THE TRIGGER, HIS FOREWARNED VICTIM LUNGES TO ONE SIDE!
I DODGED HIS SHOT!
AND NOW THAT I'VE SEEN HIS GUN FLASH...
KRAK!
KA-POW!
...I'LL PUT 'IM OUT OF BUSINESS!
I MISSED! UNHH--
OKAY, MISTER-- YOU TRIED GUNPLAY... AND I WON!
BUT IT'S NOT OVER YET!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING OFF THE HOOK SO EASY!
WE'RE GONNA FINISH UP THIS FRACAS WITH OUR DUKES!


AND THIS IS JUST A SAMPLE OF WHAT'S TO COME!
POW
C'MON BACK AND FIGHT, YELLA-BELLY! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM ME!
EVERYTHING RUINED! I'M BEATEN! ONLY ONE DESPERATE GAMBLE LEFT!
YOU'RE A TOUGH AND CLEVER FOE, RAWHIDE! BUT, HERE'S A PLAYMATE WHO WILL PROVE YOUR EQUAL!
ARE YOU PLUMB LOCO? DON'T OPEN THAT...
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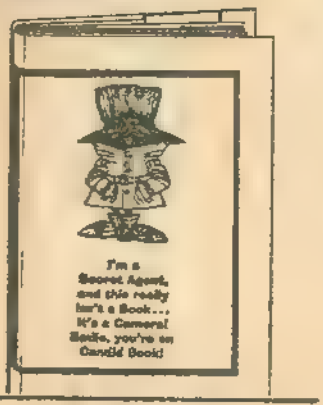

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T-THE CAT IS TURNING TOWARD ME...
THE HATRED IN HIS EYES... THE THIRST FOR REVENGE AGAINST THE HUMAN WHO CAPTURED HIM...
NO--KEEP BACK! DON'T-- DON'T!!
KANE'S IN THE WAY! I CAN'T GET A BEAD ON THE CAT!
THERE! I'VE GOT IT NOW!
KA-POW!
I DROPPED THE CAT, BUT NOT SOON ENOUGH!
THE FATE THAT KANE INTENDED FOR ME TURNED OUT TO BE HIS OWN!
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LATER, AT THE OWENS' SPREAD...
WITH KANE DEAD, THE BANK NOW HOLDS OUR NOTE... AND THEY'VE PROMISED US AN EXTENTION! SO IT 'PEARS THAT WE GET TO KEEP OUR FARM!
AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU! ARE YUH SURE YUH WON'T STAY ON IN THESE PARTS? THE LAW HERE ISN'T AFTER YOU!
I KNOW...
...BUT I FOUND OTHER ENEMIES HERE JUST AS DANGEROUS-- THE FEAR AND HATRED OF SUSPICIOUS TOWNSFOLK!
SO I'M RIDIN' ON! MAYBE PEACE AND QUIET ARE WAITIN' FOR ME BEYOND THE NEXT RISE... OR AROUND THE NEXT BEND!
WHO CAN TELL?
BUT, THAT HALCYON DAY IS FAR OFF! IN THE MEANTIME, FOR THE ULTIMATE IN WESTERN THRILLS AND EXCITEMENT, JOIN THE RAWHIDE KID NEXT ISSUE!

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WITH GUN IN HAND!
SO YORE NAME IS JOE COOPER AN' YUH WANT A JOB, EH? WELL, I DON'T LIKE HOMBRES WHO DON'T WEAR GUNS!
HEY! BE CAREFUL, MISTER--THAT THING MIGHT GO OFF!
WHAT WOULD YUH DO IF A JASPER DREW AGIN' YUH, LIKE THIS!
Stan Lee
THANKS, LES!
KA-POW!
I DON'T LIKE FOR NO ONE TO AIM A GUN AT MUH COUSIN, MISTER!

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WHO ARE YUH, MISTER? WHERE'D YUH LEARN TO HANDLE A GUN THATAWAY?
MUH HANDLE'S LES COOPER, AND I'M JUST NATURALLY THE FASTEST GUN IN THESE PARTS!
WELL, I CAN SHORE USE A HOMBRE WHO'S HANDY WITH HIS IRONS LIKE YOU, BUT I GOT NO NEED FOR YOUR COUSIN THERE!
THEN IT'S NO DEAL! JOE AND ME ALWAYS WORK TOGETHER!
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE A GUN-MAN? I'M ASKIN' FOR A JOB AS A COWHAND, NOT A GUNSLINGER!
AN HOMBRE WITHOUT GUNS CAN'T LAST A WEEK IN THESE PARTS! THIS IS MIGHTY RUGGED COUNTRY!
IT'S LIKE I ALWAYS TOLD YUH, JOE! IF A MAN DOESN'T WEAR SHOOTIN' IRONS, HE'S BAIT FOR BOOT HILL!
I'M SORRY, LES! RECKON YUH BETTER TAKE THE JOB YOURSELF! I'LL BE RIDIN' ON!
NOPE! SOMEONE'S GOTTA TAKE CARE OF YUH! LET'S, GO, AMIGO!
A MAN WITHOUT GUNS, IN THIS COUNTRY! I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT!
A DAY'S HARD RIDING FOUND LES AND JOE COOPER ENTERING THE COWTOWN OF WAYNEVILLE ...
LOOK! A COUPLE OF STRANGERS! GOOD! MEBBE WE CAN DRUM UP A LITTLE EXCITEMENT WITH 'EM!
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I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF 'EM, JOE! MEBBE YOU'D BETTER BUY YORE-SELF A COUPLE OF COLTS!
I CAN'T, LES! YUH REMEMBER THE PROMISE I MADE TO MAW, AFTER PAW DIED IN THAT GUNFIGHT! I SWORE I'D NEVER USE A GUN AGAIN! I CAN'T BREAK THAT PROMISE, JOE!
HEY!!!
HEY, STRANGERS! I RECKON WE'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE WELCOME TO WAYNEVILLE! HAW! HAW!
NOW DO A LITTLE DANCE FOR THE FOLKS, STRANGER!
BE CAREFUL, FOOL! THOSE BULLETS ARE RICH-OCHETING!
LEGGO OF MY COUSIN, YUH ORNERY COWARD!
TAKE COVER, JOE! THIS IS A SHOOTIN' MATTER!
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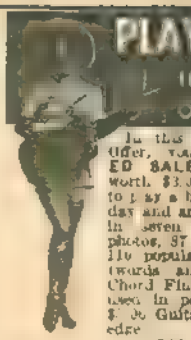

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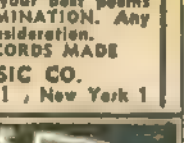

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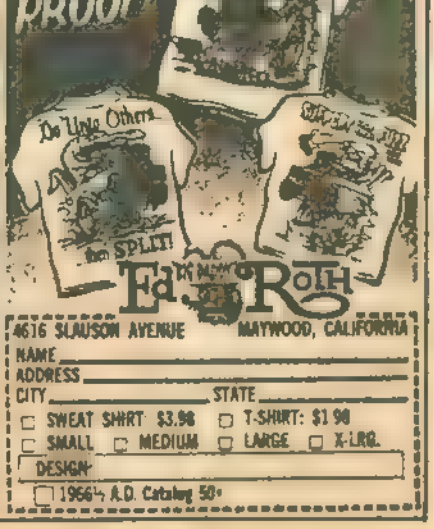

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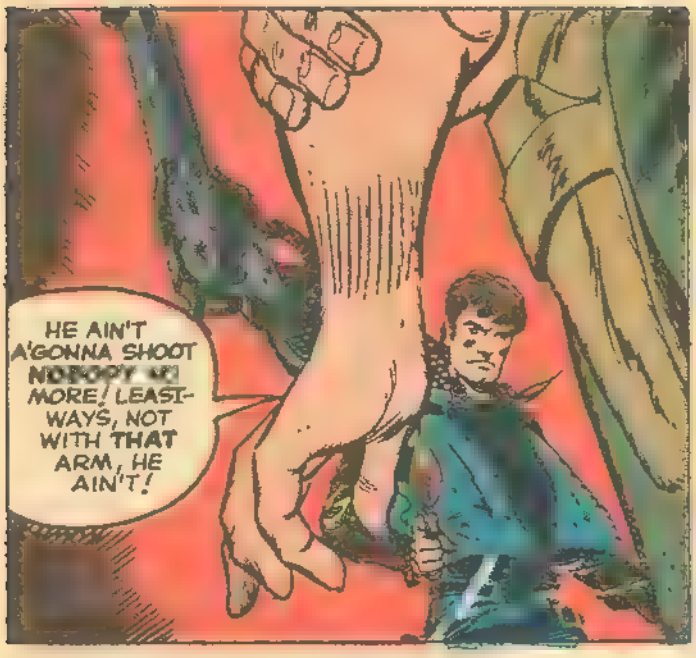
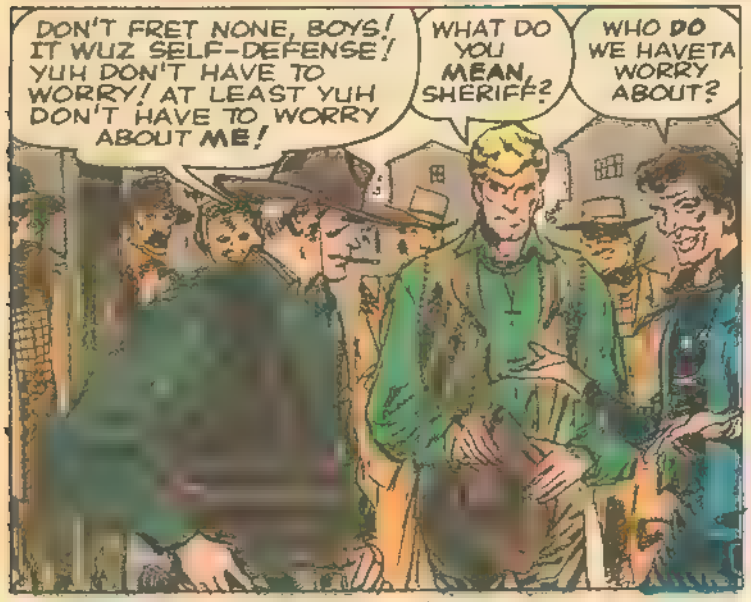
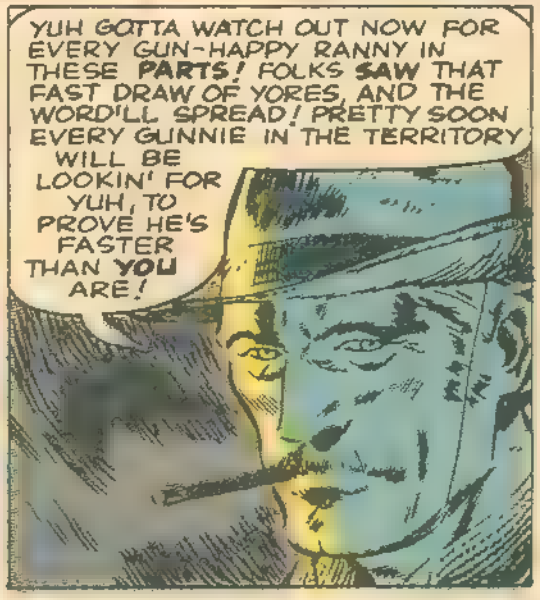
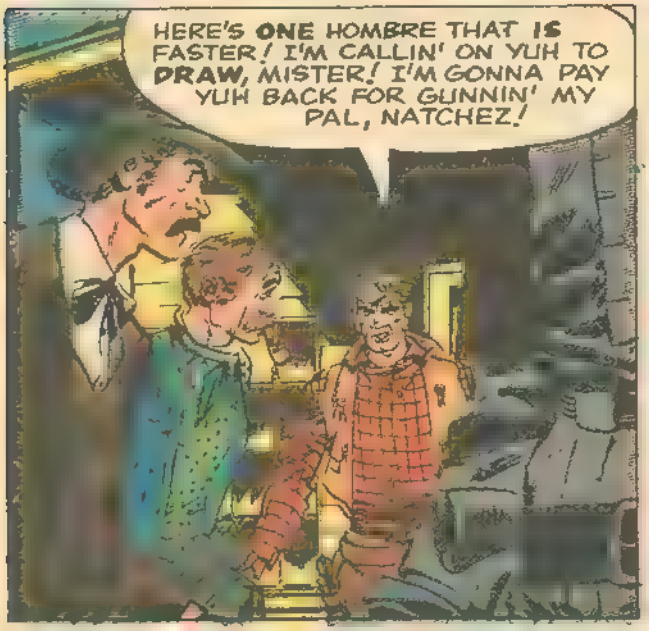
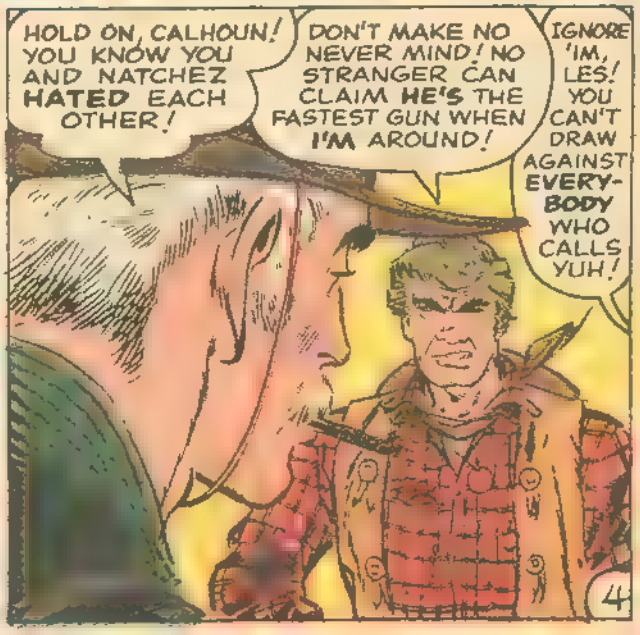

HE AIN'T A'GONNA SHOOT NOBODY NO MORE! LEASIWAYS, NOT WITH THAT ARM, HE AIN'T!

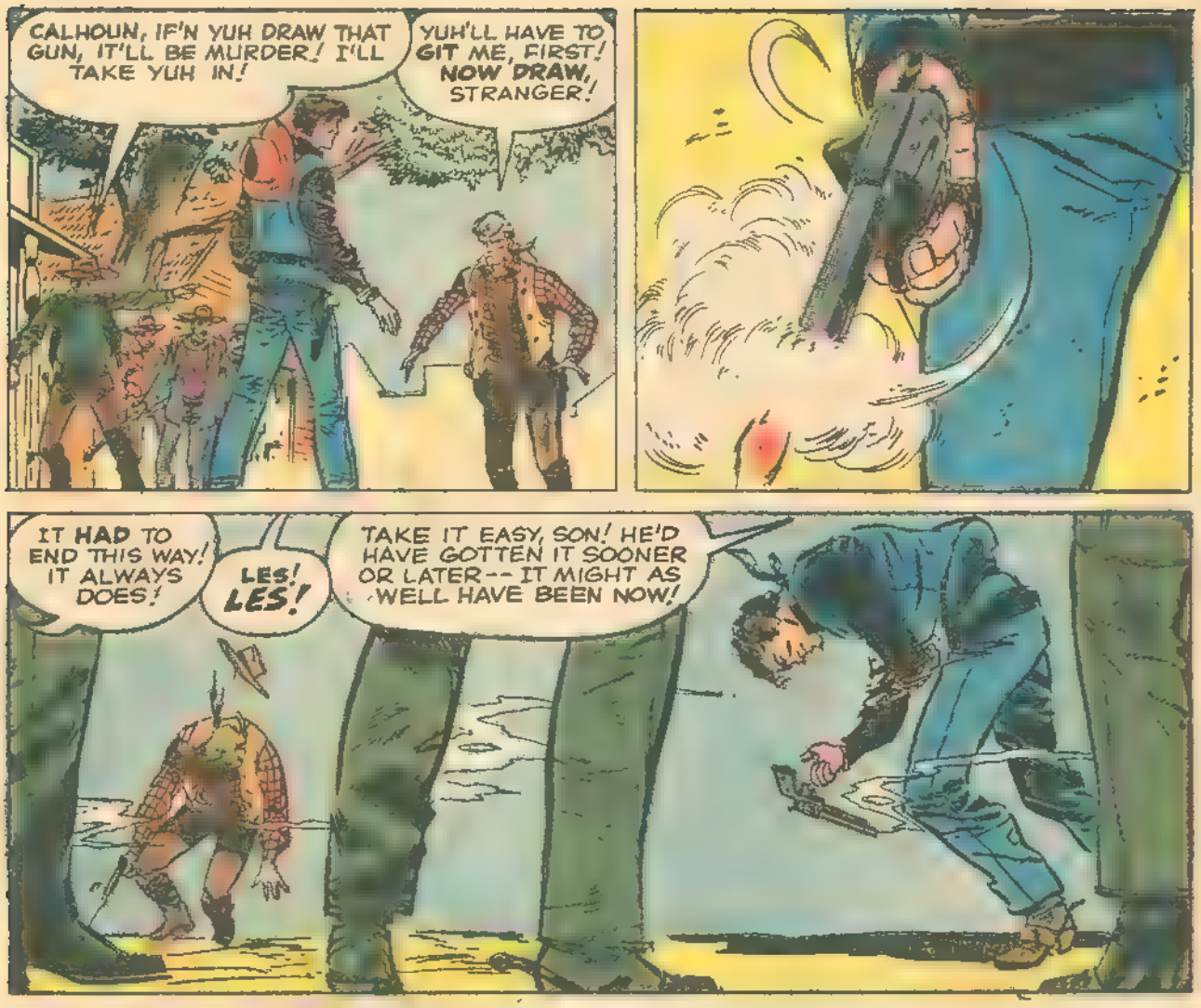
I SAW THAT, STRANGER!
LOOK OUT, LES! IT'S THE SHERIFF!


DON'T FRET NONE, BOYS! IT WUZ SELF-DEFENSE! YUH DON'T HAVE TO WORRY! AT LEAST YUH DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SHERIFF?
WHO DO WE HAVETA WORRY ABOUT?


YUH GOTTA WATCH OUT NOW FOR EVERY GUN-HAPPY RANNY IN THESE PARTS! FOLKS SAW THAT FAST DRAW OF YORES, AND THE WORD'LL SPREAD! PRETTY SOON EVERY GUNNIE IN THE TERRITORY WILL BE LOOKIN' FOR YUH, TO PROVE HE'S FASTER THAN YOU ARE!


HERE'S ONE HOMBRE THAT IS FASTER! I'M CALLIN' ON YUH TO DRAW, MISTER! I'M GONNA PAY YUH BACK FOR GUNNIN' MY PAL, NATCHEZ!


HOLD ON, CALHOUN! YOU KNOW YOU AND NATCHEZ HATED EACH OTHER!
DON'T MAKE NO NEVER MIND! NO STRANGER CAN CLAIM HE'S THE FASTEST GUN WHEN I'M AROUND!
IGNORE 'IM, LES! YOU CAN'T DRAW AGAINST EVERYBODY WHO CALLS YUH!


CALHOUN, IF'N YUH DRAW THAT GUN, IT'LL BE MURDER! I'LL TAKE YUH IN!
YUH'LL HAVE TO GIT ME, FIRST! NOW DRAW, STRANGER!
IT HAD TO END THIS WAY! IT ALWAYS DOES!
LES! LES!
TAKE IT EASY, SON! HE'D HAVE GOTTEN IT SOONER OR LATER -- IT MIGHT AS WELL HAVE BEEN NOW!
A FEW HOURS LATER, A LONE RIDER, HEART FILLED WITH SORROW, SLOWLY JOGGED OUT OF TOWN...
IT WASN'T RIGHT FOR LES TO GO THAT WAY! HE DIDN'T DESERVE IT! HE --
HEY, JOE! WAIT UP, AMIGO!
LES!
DON'T LOOK SO SPOOKED, AMIGO! I AIN'T NO GHOST! I OUT-DREW THAT HOMBRE BY A MILE -- BUT I REALIZED THAT THE SHERIFF WAS RIGHT! IF FOLKS THOUGHT I'D WON THE FIGHT, WE'D NEVER HAVE NO PEACE! SO I PRETENDED TO BE SHOT! NOBODY'S GONNA TRY TO MAKE A REP NOW BY DRAWIN' AGAINST A MAN WHO LOST A GUNFIGHT!
YORE MOM KNEW WHAT SHE WAS TALKIN' ABOUT, AMIGO! NO ONE'S INTER-ESTED IN FIGHTIN' AN UNARMED MAN, SO I RECKON WE BOTH GOT A HEAP OF LIVIN' TO DO FROM NOW ON!
THE END

NOTE: OUR LETTERS SECTION APPEARS ON THE NEXT PAGE...

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ITEM: The response to Gentleman Gene Colan's amazing artwork on DAREDEVIL was so wildly enthusiastic that we've decided to let him continue drawing D.D.'s thrillers! This will give Jazzy Johnny Romita more time to concentrate on your friendly neighborhood SPIDER-MAN, and to take a breather once in a while after drawing all those crrrrrazy webs! Meanwhile, to make things easier for Gene, we've assigned the Sub-Mariner strip in this month's ASTONISH to a new bullpen luminary—and we'll be on pins and needles waiting for your opinion. There—if that isn't enough to confuse everybody, then we've goofed again!

ITEM: It looks as though Marvel really IS taking over the world! Those of you in the New York area have probably already noticed the way Channel 9 (WOR-TV) is blanketing the metropolitan zone with the Marvel message — splashing the news of our swingin' TV shows on everything from subway posters to milk cartons! (Grade A cartons only, we hope!) We assume that a zillion other stations thruout the free world, where the Marvel madness is about to be unleashed on the home screen, are doing likewise! But, if you find that YOUR local channel isn't marching along with us, do your duty, tiger—tell 'em they won't get a no-prize!

ITEM: Our six star-studded 25¢ Specials are probably all sold out by now, but we thought we'd mention 'em again anyway, in case you wanna try to prove us liars! For those of you who've been living in a well for the past few months, the titles are FANTASTIC FOUR SPECIAL, SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL, THOR SPECIAL, MARVEL SUPER-HEROES SPECIAL, SGT. FURY SPECIAL, and (ulp!) MILLIE THE MODEL SPECIAL! If you can still find one on sale anywhere, give yourself two extra points—and, if you buy it, go to the head of the class!

ITEM: Smilin' Stan is so delighted with the way Wild Bill Everett has been drawing Dr. Strange (in STRANGE TALES, natch), that the old hambo couldn't resist writing the newest mystical masterpiece himself! Also, for the benefit of the Johnny-Come-Latelies among you, we've included a riotous resumé of much that has gone before, to bring you up to date. So, if you wanna see how wild a yarn can be, latch onto the start of Doc's newest adventure into necromancy—like right now, hear?

ITEM: It's time for you to meet some of our behind-the-scenes big wigs who, though rarely mentioned in our cavortin' credits are as much a part of the Marvel mythos as Irving Forbush himself! Now pay attention—a quiz may follow! At the top of our heap sits the king-of-the-hill Merry Marty Goodman, publisher, and peerless purveyor of profound policy, pulsating plaudits, and palpable pay-checks! When he speaks, we listen! When he frowns, we tremble! When he smiles we know that somewhere one of you has bought another Marvel mag! And, buried beneath a mountain of sales figures, we find Jovial Johnny Hayes, our circumventing circulation manager. You should see him fly into a frenzy—hurl himself into a fit of sheer hysteria—whenever he learns of some deprived dealer who may not have received our Marvel mags on time! Wait, whom have we here? Who sits thus spinning records, watching TV, fondling plastic super-hero models, inspecting sweat-shirts and bubble gum cards with equal aplomb? 'Tis none other than Cheerful Chip Goodman, master of Marvel merchandising, who daringly dispenses our goodies to all the aesthetic areas beyond the printed page! But, how remiss we would be if we failed to salute Admirable Arthur Jeffrey, keeper of our MMMS files, guardian of our club coupons, and defender of the faith! And what of Nifty Nancy Murphy? Shall we ever forget her soulful self-sacrifice in the face of our daily Marvel subscription list snafus? Or Delicious Doris Siegler, the most welcome sight in all of Marveldom, for it is she, our benevolent bookkeeper, who doth dole out our salaries each week! So, let us pause for a moment in silent, somber homage as we ponder the grave and momentous import of that which hath been revealed!

ITEM: Judging by your mountain of mail, we've been painfully aware that most of you true believers have expected a battle between Submariner and Hal Green Skin in the recent pages of ASTONISH. It would have been easy for us to accomplish. We did toy with the idea. But then we decided against it — simply because it was such an obvious development. You know us—we'd rather do things the oddball way. We got a boot out of the idea of two super-powered cats being in the same area, at the same time and NOT running into each other. It seemed to fit the usual mixed up Marvel mold, as we saw it. However—now that we know how much you'd like Namor to tangle with our Jolly Green Giblet, we promise you this — sooner or later, somewhere, somehow, we'll DO it! But, in the meantime, send us your suggestions as to the proper artist for such an epic. Should it be Gentleman Gene? Wild Bill? Should we lasso Jolly Jack away from Asgard for a while? Or have you any other ideas? Thus do we await the thunderous voice of Marveldom! Thus do we command thee, in tones most stentorian —FACE FRONT, frantic one! The best is yet to be!

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Dear Stan and Larry,

RAWHIDE KID #52 was great! But please make the Kid either a good guy or a bad guy. He is your best western character. And let his horse, Nightwind, have a bigger part in the magazine. You see, I'm a horse lover!

Judi Horn, 5949 Diamond Oaks Dr.
Fort Worth, Tex.

Who *isn't*, pard? But, a thing like that might get out of hand! How would you like to see the Kid shootin' it out, while Nightwind stands around beneath a thought balloon that says, "Golly, there's a lot of bullets whizzing around me! I'd be scared silly, if I weren't so intelligent!" Just the same, the idea of a story featuring Rawhide's magnificent mount is a good one! Don't be surprised if ol' Larrupin' Larry doesn't spring a Nightwind epic on you one of these days!

Dear Stan and Larry,

RAWHIDE KID #52—titled "Revenge at Rustler's Roost"—was simply smashing. Adjectives found in the dictionary cannot express my opinion of it. The story was told as only you guys can tell it—marvelously! And the art was just as good as the story. I am thinking of joining the MMMS—when I have the dough, natch! Nuff said!

R. Pathmanattan, 5 N.E.B. Jalan Kuantan, Malaya

Thanks a heap for your kind words, R. P.! You know how we hate to *brag*, but we kinda liked that yarn ourselves. In fact, about the only ranny we know that didn't like it was Sagebrush Irving Forbush — he kept rootin' for the *rustlers!*

Dear Stan and Larry,

Any comic that bears the Marvel trademark has to be good, but many people think that Rawhide's record is one of the greatest. As far as longevity goes, Rawhide, next to Kid Colt, is your senior hero. Artists who have worked on this strip are all greats—Jack Kirby, Dick Ayers, Jack Keller, Larry Lieber. And writers—need anyone ask? Stan Lee and Larry Lieber—two of the best. The mag began in 1960, when western comics were the rage. Since then, most have stopped publishing. In fact, RAWHIDE KID is the only really original western mag put out by a major publisher today. Thanks for six years of reading pleasure!

Peter Caldwell, 2222 Victory Dr.
Minneapolis, Minn.

And thank you, Pete, for six hours' reading pleasure! It might not take most folks that long to read a letter, but when we get one like yours, we just can't seem to stop lookin' at it!

Dear Stan and Larry,

I just read RAWHIDE KID #53, and just had to get out pen and paper to tell you that the Acrobat was the neatest villain I've ever seen. And his costume . . . the *greatest!* I think that you should bring back the Scorpion and the Red Raven, too. I remember reading the first Scorpion story, but I missed the Red Raven tale. Keep up the good work.

John Fisher
St. Anthony, Ia.

We'll try, hombre. And, as for bringin' back the bullet-slingin' baddies you mentioned, we'll sure give it some thought. But, you know how Lassoin' Larry is—he thinks of *new* villains so fast that he sorta forgets about the *old* ones. But, stick around—you never know *what* to expect in this, the Marvel Age of Westerns! Adios, amigos!

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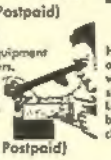

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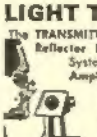

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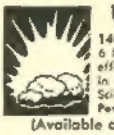

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